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In re Reissue Application of

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, that I verily believe that I am the original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in Letters Patent 5,928,671 ("the Original Patent") issued July 27, 1999, and for which a reissue application is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR INHIBITING BACTERIA," the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, of the above-identified reissue application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with title 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I believe the Original Patent to be partly inoperative by reason of my claiming more than I had a right to claim through error.

Claim 1 is directed to a composition comprising : a trivalent bismuth salt and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of dimercaprol, beta-mercaptoethanol and dithiothreitol, wherein the molar ratio of said trivalent bismuth salt to the compound is approximately 1:2 to approximately 3:1. The specific error relied upon is that the molar ratio of approximately 1:2 to approximately 3:1 of said trivalent bismuth salt to the compound may be anticipated by the following reference: Friedhim, "Therapeutically Active Bismuth Organic Compounds," Chemical Abstract Vol. 49 at column 15946 (1955). This reference was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on April 12, 1999, prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, with a certification that it was not known to Applicant more than three (3) months from the April

12, 1999 date. However, the Examiner indicated in an August 17, 1999 Communication that the Information Disclosure Statement was received too late for consideration.

Said error in the patent which has been corrected in the present reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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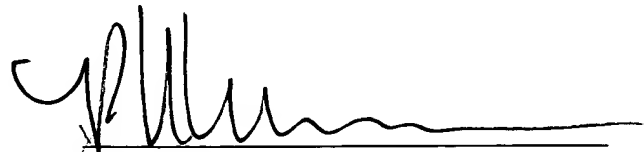
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